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INCREASING SEATS IN IIT`S
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of seats in the IIT's for post-graduate degrees;

(b) if so, whether presently only a very small portion of seats are earmarked for post-graduate courses and degree;

(c) if so, whether the Government will increase financial assistance in IIT's for post-graduate students;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the extent to which IIT's emulate the models in other countries where post-graduate students get increased financial assistance; and

(f) the full details thereof alongwith the steps proposed by the Government to ensure that IIT's produce more post-graduate students?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Presently, nearly 47% students in IITs are pursuing postgraduate and research studies in the IITs.

(c) & (d): In pursuance to a Policy Framework for Promotion of Postgraduate and Research Programmes in Engineering and Technology in the Country, rate of scholarship for postgraduate students has already been increased from Rs.2500 pm to Rs.5000 pm and contingency grant from Rs.3000 to Rs.5000.

(e) & (f): In recognition of importance of postgraduate education and research and engineering and technology and competitive advantage that it can give to the country, the Council of IITs has in its 37th Meeting decided to give greater emphasis to postgraduate programs in the IITs. A new funding pattern giving higher weightage to postgraduate programs has also been approved for the IITs.